

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

AU03/01339

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl.?: B65D 51/28, 41/50, 51/22

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
 DWPI & IPC - B65D 39/-, 25/-, 41/-, 47/-, 51/-, 55/-, A61J 1/-, 3/-, & keywords (projection, cut, membrane, twist, engage, rib & similar terms); Esp@ce & EC -B65D 51/28B; USPTO & similar terms & USPTO and (unscrew, lid, compartment, jar, bottle)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5927549 A (WOOD) 27 July 1999 See abstract and drawings	1,3-5,8,10-12,14,15,19-21,24-27
X	WO 02/051711 A1 (VISY INDUSTRIAL PLASTICS LTD) 4 July 2002 See abstract and drawings	1-4,6-13,15,19-21,24-27
X	DE 19950884 A1 (WELLA AG) 26 April 2001 See abstract and drawings	21

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C See patent family annex

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"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date	"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	"&" document member of the same patent family
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C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 577200 B1 (LABORATORIOS CUSI, SA) 3 July 1996 See abstract and drawings (note claim 10 is an Inventive Step "X")	1,3-6,8-12,14,15,19-21,24-27
X	US 5246142 A (DIPALMA et al) 21 September 1993 See whole document, particularly drawings 10 and 14 (note claim 21 is an Inventive Step "X")	21-23
A	US 6138821 A (HSU) 31 October 2000 See drawing 8 in particular	1-27

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos :
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos :
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Claims 1-21, 24 and 26 all relate to a device with a projection, a lid with an associated engagement means (except claim 21 which lacks the engagement means) and movement in a given direction causing the engagement means to act on the projection to open a compartment.

Claims 22-23 amount to unscrewing a lid to expose a compartment (claim 23 adding a further feature).

Claims 25 and 27 appear to define only portions of claims 1-120 rather than all of the features.

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report				Patent Family Member			
US	5927549	AU	31020/99	BR	9908924	CA	2321076
		CZ	20003438	EP	1087894	WO	99/47428
WO	02/051711	NONE					
DE	19950884	AU	11383/01	EP	1222122	WO	01/30665
EP	577200	AU	41662/93	CA	2099744	ES	2064277
		FI	933034	JP	6225924	US	5474209
US	5246142	NONE					
US	6138821	AU	60667/99	BE	1013199	DE	19960238
		FR	2802180	GB	2356844	IT	TO991163
		JP	2001261053	SE	9904722	SG	89307

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